However, perference is required to to be given to SC/STs under the Yojana. 30% of the employment opportunities under the Yojana is reserved for women.

We have not received any suggestions from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu regarding Jawahar Rozgar Yojana.

Opening of new Fair Price Shops in tribal areas

363. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open some new Fair Price Shops in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to streamline the public distribution system in the tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) to (c) The States and UTs have been advised from time to time to assess the coverage of tribal areas by the Fair Price Shops, with a view to taking further steps to cover the uncovered, undercovered areas. They have also been advised that in areas which cannot be covered by static Fair Price Shops, mobile vans may be introduced. It was also suggested that sales centres could be opened to provide essential commodities at fixed prices at the weekly haats in tribal areas.

The Central Government is also operating a Plan Scheme to provide financial assistance to States/UTs for purchase of mobile vans for supply of essential commodities in tribal, remote, far-flung, desert areas, etc

The Government has launched a scheme for supply of concessional foodgrains to the people in ITDP areas at specially subsidised rates (lower than PDS rates), in November, 1985. The total population including non-tribals living in ITDP areas and the entire population of six tribal majority States/UTs namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Miz oram, Nagaland, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep are covered under the scheme.

364. [*Transferred to the 26th July*, 1989].

Promotion policy for ex-cadre officers and staff

365. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the promotion policy for ex-cadre officers like Extension Officer, Farm Radio Officer and non-gazetted staff like Field Reporters, Farm Radio Reporters; and

(b) by when upgradation of instrumentalists is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) : (a) The posts of Extension Officer, Farm Radio Officer and non-gazetted staff like Field Reporters and Farm Radio Reporters are not ex-cadre posts.

(b) Upgradation of instrumentalists is a continuous process. If any instrumentalist wants to be upgraded he can apply anytime to the Station Director of the Station under whose jurisdiction he/she resides. The recordings of such applicants are placed before the Music Audition Board which decides the grade of the artist after listening and assessing the performance of the artist.